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## NEWS FOR PUBLIC LIBRARIANS

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### SCLA PROGRAM ANNOUNCED

The 39th annual meeting of the South Carolina Library Association will convene in Columbia on October 28. All meetings will be held in the Columbia Hotel. The program has been announced as follows:

Theme: "GOALS FOR ACTION"

Friday, October 28

11:00 A. M. - FIRST GENERAL SESSION - presentation of the convention theme by the Planning Committee, Mr. Alfred Rawlinson, Chairman, presiding.

12:30 P. M. - LUNCHEON - joint meeting of Trustee and Public Library Sections. Address by Miss Helen Harris.

2:30 P. M. - SECTION MEETINGS

4:30 P. M. - 6:00 P. M. - TEA at Governor's Mansion, sponsored by the Columbia Library Club.

8:00 P. M. - BANQUET - address by Mr. Richard Harwell, A. C. R. L.

Saturday, October 29

10:30 A. M. - ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

12:30 P. M. - LUNCHEON - address by Miss Azile Wofford, University of Kentucky.

This is an important meeting for public librarians and all are urged to plan now to attend.

### CHARLESTON'S MOVING DATE SET

The Charleston County Library has announced that its main building at 94 Rutledge Avenue will close at 6 P. M., Saturday, October 8, for the move to the new building. Service will be resumed at the new location, King Street at Marion Square, about the middle of November.

During the move all branches will remain open on their usual schedules. There will be no bookmobile service while the main building is closed.

Readers may borrow twice the usual number of books and keep them for the period the library is closed.

## SELA PROGRAM

The nineteenth biennial conference of the Southeastern Library Association will meet in Asheville, N. C., October 13-15. Convention hotels are the George Vanderbilt and the Battery Park. General sessions will meet in Asheville Municipal Auditorium.

The Public Library Section and the County and Regional Libraries Section will both meet on Thursday, October 13, with programs of interest to South Carolina public librarians. Another program which should attract considerable interest will be that of the general session on Saturday, October 15. At that time Mrs. Grace T. Stevenson, Deputy Director of the American Library Association Staff, will moderate a panel discussion on the subject, "Reference Resources and Services for Students." Participating will be college, school, and public librarians.

Preceding the conference, a public library buildings institute will be held in the Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County, Charlotte, N. C., sponsored by the Public Library Section.

### SLB TO IMPROVE LOCAL BOOK COLLECTIONS

In order to improve the physical condition and to increase the size of book collections used in public library service to rural areas, the State Library Board is offering a grant-in-aid program to qualifying libraries for the current fiscal year 1960-61. Grants will be made only to legally established county or regional libraries which are in charge of graduates of accredited library schools, and which meet other requirements of state and federal aid. Flat grants of \$5,000 each will be made to the major library systems of the state serving a population of over 125,000. Other grants will amount to 6 cents per capita based upon the rural population of the areas served according to the 1950 census. In both cases the grants are to be used for rebinding books worn out in use, replacing books worn out in service, or for the purchase of new titles. Funds will be used for the general circulating collection of books and not for the purchase of new reference books or the rebinding of old ones.

Since the funds which make this project possible come to South Carolina under the Library Services Act Program, emphasis is being put upon the fact that these funds must be used for public, rather than for school, library service. Not more than 20 per cent of the total grant may be spent for the purchase of standard titles for the use of pre-school children; for the purchase of standard titles specifically recommended for children and young people; and for the purchase of standard adult fiction. At least 40 per cent of the total grant must be spent for the purchase of standard adult non-fiction.

Each participating library will make its own decision on the books to be rebound and will select titles to be purchased. Orders will be placed directly by the library with its usual jobbers or dealers, but one copy of each order must be filed with the State Library Board. The State Library Board will make payment to the county treasurer for the reimbursement of the library upon receipt of invoices approved for payment by the local librarian up to the full amount of the grant.

Although this project will not realize the goal of at least two books per capita, it will go a long way towards helping public libraries fill the gaps in their book collections caused by inadequate book budgets and an ever-increasing reading public.

Libraries for which applications have been approved are as follows: the Aiken-Barnwell-Edgefield Regional Library and the following county libraries: Anderson, Charleston, Cherokee, Chester, Colleton, Greenville, Greenwood, Horry, Laurens, Lexington, Pickens, Richland, Spartanburg, and Sumter.

#### HARTSVILLE REORGANIZATION

The Hartsville Memorial Library Association on August 30 held an organizational meeting at which a new Advisory Board was elected. W. K. Lewis, Jr., was elected Chairman of the Board which is composed of nine members.

It was brought out at the meeting that the library now has an annual income of \$11,200 from a 2 mill property tax levy on Hartsville Township, and that this amount is inadequate for proper maintenance and operation.

The Association resolved that a vote of thanks be given to the new Library Commissioners for their work in reorganizing the Library Association and for their interest in improving the library.

#### ADJUST THOSE BOOK BUDGETS!

Is your book budget for the current year about 153% more than it was in the 1947-1949 period? According to the latest annual report of the Detroit Public Library, book prices have gone up that much in the intervening years. They cite the following increases in book prices in specific categories:

Art.....	161%
Business.....	169%
Economics.....	153%
Education.....	140%
Poetry.....	144%
Science & Technology....	166%
Fiction.....	132%

(Quoted from News Letter, Division of Library Extension, Massachusetts Department of Education, August 1960.)

## CAROLINA MATERIALS PROJECT

As a part of a major objective to improve reference service from public libraries in the state at both state and local levels, the State Library Board is initiating a project designed to increase the availability of rare materials needed for research and the serious study of South Carolina history.

With the advice and help of the Director of the S. C. Archives Commission, the Director of the Caroliniana Library and a committee of librarians, a list of essential books in South Carolina history has been compiled. The State Library Board now plans to make a complete set of these books available to public library patrons in each Congressional District.

Using federal funds under its administration, the State Library Board will supply to one county or regional library in each Congressional District the titles on the list of essential books needed to complete the library's holdings. The total monetary value of the project to the library will vary with the number of titles supplied from the list, but the estimate is \$1,500.

Grants are being made to those libraries in communities where the Caroliniana Material is not already available and which are conveniently located for the use of all public libraries in their Congressional District. To receive the grant, the library has to be a legally established county or regional library in charge of a graduate of an accredited library school and have space to house the collection and insure its use. These libraries have agreed to maintain the collection as a part of their non-circulating reference collection for adults and the serious student, and to allow public libraries within their Congressional District to refer adult patrons to the collection for reference use. Because of the rarity and difficulty of replacement of these books, they will not circulate and their use will be restricted to reference only.

The State Library Board is handling all details of reproduction of these out-of-print books. The books will be supplied in hard-back covers and will be shipped directly to the library receiving the grant.

Libraries receiving the grants are as follows: First Congressional District, Colleton County Library, Walterboro; Second Congressional District, Aiken-Barnwell-Edgefield Regional Library, Aiken; Third Congressional District, Greenwood City and County Public Library, Greenwood; Fourth Congressional District, Spartanburg Public Library, Spartanburg; Fifth Congressional District, Chester County Library, Chester; Sixth Congressional District, Horry County Memorial Library, Conway.

## SYMPATHY

Librarians all over the state join in expressing sympathy to Mrs. Marguerite G. Thompson, President of the South Carolina Library Association and Librarian of the Colleton County Memorial Library, on the death of her husband which occurred October 4.

## TRUSTEE RESOLUTION

South Carolina trustees will be interested in the following resolution adopted by the National Assembly of Trustees and ratified by the general membership of the American Association of Library Trustees in June in Montreal: "Whereas the American Library Trustees Association believes the time has come for both public library trustees and school officials to recognize and accept their separate but complimentary responsibilities in strengthening the total library resources of the community to serve all age groups and all individual interests. Therefore, be it resolved, that the legal authority and responsibility to establish policies that will provide citizens of every age in the community with the best possible public library services resides in the public library trustee. And be it further resolved, that school libraries are an essential part of the total school program; the provision of libraries and school library programs in the school should be the responsibility of the school board and administrative officers. Therefore, trustees should work for the gradual assumption of this responsibility by the board of education, relinquishing school library service as the schools are able to undertake it."

## CHANGES

Mrs. Bettie W. Daly, librarian of the Anderson County Library, resigned effective September 15, and has accepted a position in Ocala, Florida.

Mrs. Sarah C. Smith, who holds a masters degree in library science from Peabody, has been appointed acting librarian.

A new addition to the Anderson County Library staff is Miss Louise Stem who on September 1 became extension librarian. Miss Stem, a graduate of the Florida State University Library School, came to Anderson from the Linden, N.J., Public Library. Miss Stem was reared in Darlington and before going to library school was employed at the State Library Board.

Mrs. Doris B. Hawthorne has been appointed Abbeville County librarian succeeding Mrs. Isabel K. Bowie who has resigned to accept a teaching position.

Mrs. Andrew R. Kelley has joined the staff of the Lee County Library.

## LIBRARIANS ARE TALKING ABOUT

Register and Vote. As in other presidential election years, this campaign is being sponsored cooperatively by the A.L.A., the American Heritage Foundation, and the Advertising Council. Materials for the campaign may be obtained from: American Heritage Foundation, 11 West 42 Street, Room 1366, New York 36, N. Y.

The Preliminary Reports - Population Counts for States (1960 Census)--Series PC(PI)-- which present preliminary counts for the state, each county, and each incorporated place of 1,000 or more are now being issued by the Bureau of the Census. Copies of the individual state reports are for sale by the Bureau of the Census, Washington 25, D. C., at the price of \$.10 each. The complete set of 57 reports is \$4.00.

On Politics and Politicians, by H. B. Mayo, published by the Bureau of Public Administration, University of South Carolina, Columbia, 1960. "The G. A. Guignard Memorial Lectures were established in 1953 by members of the Guignard family. Each year, at the University of South Carolina, a faculty member is invited to give two public lectures, of a quasi-popular nature, relating to his discipline. This year the choice fell upon political science...."

## YOUR PROBLEMS

by Anne Library

Dear Anne:

I am the assistant librarian in one of our larger libraries. Our head librarian is a wise old girl who built this library up from a "ladies library" to one of such outstanding service that it actually attracts new industry to the county. But she constantly embarrasses me with the tales she tells of the "early days" to younger members of the staff. How can these young librarians maintain a respect for the profession and a professional attitude toward their work when the head librarian boasts of doing work which no professional should lower herself to do? For instance, we were all invited to her home to meet some former staff members recently. I cringed at the tales they told--of carrying in coal and building fires, of painting shelves, of changing tires on the bookmobile, of hauling books, of moving book collections, of shoveling snow and, alas, even of flirting mildly with the members of the County Commission. To hear them tell it, there was very little that they hadn't done to get this library running. If it took this to start the library here shouldn't the fact be allowed to sink into the oblivion it deserves and be carefully concealed from our new professional staff members?

Priscilla

Dear Prissy:

And you earned the nickname! Can't you recognize tales of the pioneers when you hear them? If your head librarian had to shoot a few bears and rout a tribe of Indians to get the library started, shooting bears and chasing Indians was professional! If the country hadn't been cleared so thoroughly and the land plowed so well, you and your fellows would not now be able to work in air-conditioned comfort on what you fondly identify as "professional" duties. Sight your target again. If what you want to

accomplish has to be bounded by what you consider professional, you need a better definition of professional. There are still opportunities for doing pioneer work in librarianship. New fields are opening up which need the courage and determination of librarians with a pioneer spirit. What about becoming a pioneer yourself and blazing some new trails...and incidentally broadening your concept of "professional?"

Dear Anne:

I am in charge of a small town branch library and I have the misfortune to work for the biggest nut that ever happened. She thinks that everything in this little library (about 1000 volumes, open 6 hours a week in a town of 1146 people) should be run exactly like a big city library! All the books exactly in order, records kept with great meticulousness, hours adhered to exactly, no substitutes without her prior approval, etc., etc., etc. The list of her requirements is long and ridiculous. Things like this are not necessary in a little place and I have tried to laugh the whole thing off, but she won't give up. How do such nuts get good jobs like hers?

Small Towner

Dear S. T.:

How your librarian got her job is easy to see; how you hold yours is the real puzzler. And since you mention nuts, have the squirrels bothered you this fall?

Because your library represents the whole library system to the readers and taxpayers of your town, you would do well to follow your librarian's directions and run your little branch "like a big city library." Do you think anyone in this day of the high cost of everything will willingly continue to pay taxes to support the sloppily run, irregularly open, incompetently manned organization your letter implies your branch is? Besides, has it occurred to you that when your librarian directs, it is your job to do, not to laugh it off?

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Do you have a problem? Write to Anne Library.

#### SEEN HERE AND THERE

The Orangeburg Chamber of Commerce's Civic Affairs Committee discussing plans for obtaining a new and modern library building for Orangeburg County.

Graniteville J C's working toward establishment of a public library. The library will be a branch of the Aiken-Barnwell-Edgefield Regional Library, the region's tenth.

Chester County Library receiving as a gift one of Ruth Carroll's original drawings, created to illustrate Tough Enough's Pony.

The Colleton County Memorial Library exhibiting illuminated and engrossed parchment scrolls illustrative of Biblical quotations.

Miss Kate Cullum, longtime library board member and present Chairman of the Lexington County Library Board, being the subject of a full page feature article in the Lexington County supplement to the Columbia Record.

The Richland County Public Library painted and redecorated throughout.

The Beaufort Township with new lights, new paint, and the possibility of obtaining extra room in the museum next door very soon.

The McCormick County Library sponsoring a booth at the County Fair.

The Cayce-West Columbia Lions Club giving the Lexington County's soon to be opened R. H. Smith Public Library \$600 for draperies and blinds. Present schedule calls for the library to be completed around November 1.

The Cherokee County Library receiving a gift of photographs of Gaffney ranging from the early 1900's almost to date. They were made by the late Mr. June Carr and presented to the library by his son, Dr. Percy Carr of Ames, Iowa.

The Barnwell County Library the recipient of an oil painting by a Barnwell native, Mrs. Robert Adams. The painting which now hangs in the children's room is a reproduction of the 1922 Book Week poster.

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## Library Choice Is Wise

**T**HE GREENVILLE Public Library is open again after being closed for two weeks in the face of an integration suit.

It is open now to "any citizen having a legitimate need" for its services. That means White and Negro alike may now borrow books at either the main library or its branch on East McRee Avenue.

The library board had two choices. It could continue to keep the library closed or it could reopen it to all who wished to use it. The library board chose the latter course. It chose wisely.

There is little basic difference between two races using the same library building and the same two races shopping at a supermarket lining up at a window to pay bills or taxes or mingling similarly in public places.

There should be no friction. Spartanburg and Columbia have inter-

grated libraries and there has been no hint of trouble in either city because of it.

But if there is friction—generated by either race—the city is prepared to cope with it. That was made clear in a statement issued by City Council and the library board: "The city libraries will be operated for the benefit of any citizen having a legitimate need for the libraries and their facilities. They will not be used for demonstrations, purposeless assemblies or propaganda purposes."

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1960

## Business As Usual At Public Library

Monday marked the first open day for Greenville's "amalgamated" library.

The doors were opened at 9 a.m. in a way that the library has been doing for years. By lunchtime there was a number of cars scattered about the parking space behind the library.

By 3 p.m., the parking area was choked with traffic, as is usual to the library, and the interior tables were jammed with patrons.

The "silence" signs were heeded to the extent that the school children who shuffled inside were whispering instead of talking, but their whispers were audible throughout the building.

There was one patron, as usual, complaining because he couldn't find the book he was looking for.

**THERE WAS** a bald man reading a newspaper in a chair by the window.

Charles E. Stow, the librarian, was upstairs going over the inventory reports.

It was an ordinary day.

So ordinary, in fact, that when the first Negro patrons came in around 3 p.m., not a soul looked up or took any heed of them.

Two young Negro students, laden with books, took seats at a table and began to study—a boy and a girl in their early teens.

Three Negro women, all adult, came in and checked out books.

Everything was quiet and no stares were exchanged.

Which made it appear, after over a week's closure, that the library was in business as usual.